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**Introduced by Senator Gaines**

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An act to amend Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 958, as introduced, Gaines. California Environmental Quality Act.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report, as defined, on a project that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would make technical and nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     21061. (a) "Environmental impact report" means a detailed  
4     statement setting forth the matters specified in Sections 21100 and  
5     21100.1; ~~provided that. The information or data which that is~~  
6     relevant to ~~such a~~ *the* statement and is a matter of public record,  
7     or is generally available to the public need not be repeated in its  
8     entirety in ~~such the~~ statement, but may be specifically cited as the

1 source for conclusions stated therein; and provided further that  
2 ~~such~~ *in the statement. The* information or data shall be briefly  
3 described, ~~that its~~ *in the statement. The* relationship between the  
4 *information or data* to the environmental impact report shall be  
5 indicated, and ~~that the~~ *in the statement. The* source ~~thereof of the~~  
6 *information and data* shall be reasonably available for inspection  
7 at a public place or public building. An environmental impact  
8 report also includes any comments ~~which~~ *that* are obtained pursuant  
9 to Section 21104 or 21153, or ~~which~~ *that* are required to be  
10 obtained pursuant to this division.

11 ~~An~~  
12 (b) *An* environmental impact report is an informational document  
13 ~~which~~ *that*, when its preparation is required by this division, shall  
14 be considered by every public agency prior to its approval or  
15 disapproval of a project. The purpose of an environmental impact  
16 report is to provide public agencies and the public in general with  
17 detailed information about the effect ~~which~~ *that* a proposed project  
18 is likely to have on the environment; to list ways in which the  
19 significant effects of ~~such~~ *a the proposed* project might be  
20 minimized; and to indicate alternatives to ~~such~~ *a the proposed*  
21 project.

22 ~~In~~  
23 (c) *In* order to facilitate the use of environmental impact reports,  
24 public agencies shall require that ~~such~~ *the* reports contain an index  
25 or table of contents and a summary. Failure to include ~~such~~ *the*  
26 index, table of contents, or summary shall not constitute a cause  
27 of action pursuant to Section 21167.